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SUBJECT: EASTCAN AND NEWFOUNDLAND: YOUR LIPS TELL ME  
NO-NO BUT THERE'S YES-YES IN YOUR EYES.

REF: HALIFAX 0097

1. A REPORT FROM NFLD IN FEB 28 HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD  
INDICATES AT LEAST A POSSIBILITY THAT PROVINCIAL GOVT  
MAY BE GETTING SET TO CAVE IN AND AGREE TO AMENDMENTS  
TO PROVINCIAL LICENSING REGULATIONS DEMANDED BY EASTCAN.  
PREMIER FRANK MOORES GAVE PRESS INTERVIEW FEB 27 AND MADE  
OFFSETTING TOUGH AND PLACATORY COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO  
EASTCAN'S DEMANDS. FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM ARTICLE  
IS ILLUSTRATIVE:

NEWFOUNDLAND REMAINS ADAMANT. PREMIER  
MOORES SAID IT DOES NOT WANT TO BE PLACED  
IN A POSITION NOW OF RELENTING AND  
AGREEING TO A SITUATION WHICH DOES NOT  
GIVE THE PROVINCE MAXIMUM BENEFIT  
FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION.

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"BUT NEITHER DO WE WANT A  
SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE REGULATIONS  
AND NO-ONE WORKING HERE: SO IT'S  
NOT AN EASY ONE."

THE PREMIER ALLOWED THAT "YOU  
HAVE TO HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY...BUT

YOU GIVE AS LITTLE AS YOU CAN."

HE SAID HE COULDN'T SAY WHAT THE  
NEXT STEP WOULD BE. THE WHOLE MATTER  
WAS THE OBJECT OF SOME "PRETTY INTENSE  
DISCUSSIONS AMONG OURSELVES (THE PRO-  
VINCIAL CABINET) AT THE PRESENT TIME."

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO AN INFORMANT WHOSE INFORMATION  
HAS BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST, EASTCAN HAS APPARENTLY CON-  
CLUDED THAT PREMIER MOORES IS MORE AMENABLE TO THEIR  
ARGUMENTS THAN PROVINCIAL ENERGY MINISTER BRIAN PECKFORD.  
THE OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY THEREFORE USUALLY TRIES TO DEAL  
WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE PREMIER'S  
OFFICE RATHER THAN THROUGH THE DEPT OF MINES AND ENERGY.  
THIS OCCASIONALLY GIVES PECKFORD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
HEARTBURN BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE AFFECTED ADVERSELY  
HIS RELATIONS WITH THE PREMIER. END COMMENT.

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